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# SPRAGUE CHRISTMAS AND BENEFIT FUND COMMITTEE AGAIN HARD AT WORK

## Bombing A Glacier With Wire

"Bombing" a glacier with telephone wire was just one of the schemes the Signal Corps had to use to establish communication on our Alaskan frontier, according to Colonel Harry L. Vitzthum, who has just returned from a thirty-month tour of duty as Signal Officer of the Alaska Defense Command.

The bombing took place while the Alaska Railroad was being extended. A tunnel had to be dug under a moving glacier, and communications were badly needed even before its completion. Survey of the route across the glacier showed the difficulties of transporting the heavy reels of telephone wire across its rugged and nearly impassable expanse.

At the suggestion of an ingenious Signal Corps lieutenant, ten reels of twisted-pair telephone wire were loaded aboard an Army bomber. With bomb bay doors open, the plane flew over the glacier, aiming a reel at each of the stakes that had been lined up in the deep snow. Only one of the ten reels was lost. The line crew then struggled out onto the glacier and strung the wire from reel to reel. Even without the task of carrying the heavy, awkward reels across the rugged glacier, the job of establishing communications was neither easy nor safe. Shortly after the line was completed, a workman froze to death trying to cross this glacier.

## Slogan Contest Closes December 31st

### New Contest Announced

As already announced, the present slogan contest closes on the 31st of December. Already the five best slogans from each plant for the months of August, September and October have been drawn up in colors and posted in their respective plants. In a few days the November slogans will be lettered and posted.

As soon as possible after January 1 the five best December slogans will also be put up in each plant. Then, a second contest will be carried on for the months of January-February. This will be quite different. The Log will publish the full list of about 75 slogans which by that time will have been posted in colors in all plants. With this list will be printed a ballot on which you can mark your choice of the ten slogans you like best. The Log plans to award prizes to the writers of the fifteen slogans receiving the highest popular votes and have these slogans made up in extra large size and posted throughout the plant in the various departments.

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Students Directing Course of Airplanes

Official Signal Corps Photo.

## Sprague Five Star Club Growing Rapidly

We are not at all surprised to learn that the membership in the Five Star Club is pretty sure to go over the 300 mark soon after the first of the year. In fact, at the present rate, it may reach 500 by February first. Many questions have been asked as to the purpose and objectives of the Sprague Five Star Club.

Our Star Reporter tells us that membership in the Five Star Club is open to all people connected with the Sprague organization,—in fact, anyone listening to the Sprague Radio LOG between the ages of eight and eighty may join, and there are no dues.

The purpose of the Club can be very simply stated by saying that it exists for the purpose of mutual improvement. However, if this sounds too general for you, you will be interested to know that

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## Million Mark Reached In Cigarettes Sent Abroad

The Departments making this record possible, each week are: Marshall Street and Marshall Training Center. Brown Departments are: Mica Scheduling and Payroll; K.V.A., Vit Q, Ind. Oils, Machine Shop, Silver Mica, Filter & Maintenance; Mica—1st, 2nd and 3rd shifts; Resistors—1st, 2nd and 3rd shifts; Wire Coating—3rd shift; Mica Ship., Finish. Imp. and Final Inspection. The Beaver Departments include Bathtub, Block Test, Boxing, Can Shop, Check Insp., Chem. Cont. & Plating, Dry Rolling, Dry Test & Form., Impreg., Maintenance, Networks, Offices and Lab., Ovens, Paper Assembly and P.A. Annex, Paper Rolling, Receiv. & Stock, Sample Section Pickup Shipping and Western Electric.

## Sprague Workers Help Win Two Navy Citations Awarded Western Electric Company

The Western Electric Company of Hawthorne, Illinois, has sent the following congratulatory letter to the Sprague Specialties Company, together with citations from Rear Admiral E. L. Cochran of the U. S. Navy, and Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance. Sprague employees can justly feel proud of the role they have contributed in bringing about—indirectly as it may appear—these citations to Western Electric.

Also, we are grateful to Western Electric for the fine gesture they have made, in including us as co-workers and "co-winners" of this citation.

Nov. 27, 1943

Mr. R. C. Sprague  
Sprague Specialties Co.

Dear Mr. Sprague:

The Western Electric Company is in receipt of two communications from the United States Navy of which we are very proud.

However, we are not unmindful of the fact that the results which prompted these telegrams of commendation could not have been achieved without the complete cooperation of you and your organization. The resistors and condensers which you furnished to us were of great assistance in accomplishing these results. We wish to express our appreciation for your cooperation and would like to have you also express our thanks to members of your staff and shop organizations.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Link

Mgr., Special Apparatus Division

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## PREPARING CHRISTMAS BASKETS

"Lend a Willing Hand" is Motto

*"This Year Let Us Keep the Spirit Of Christmas Bright For the Sake of Those Who Are Lonely and Far From Home"*

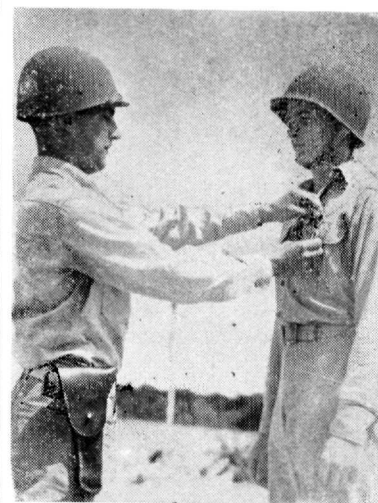
Sprague employees now in the armed forces will be heartened when they learn that their comrades on the home front are still carrying on the tradition of "A Merry Christmas to All." The Annual Show has come and gone. But the real purpose for which it was instituted now sees its most gratifying moment approach,—the distribution of Christmas baskets on Christmas Eve,—so that, if possible, no Sprague Worker, associated with the company for a reasonable length of time, shall by unhappy chance pass the Yuletide without remembrance and good cheer.

## Over 125 Take Part On Radio Log To Date

What started out as a very humble beginning has now begun to assume considerable size. On the first ten programs, the Sprague Radio LOG has used over 125 different people. In addition, more than 200 people have been present as guests of these programs. Coming as they do, from all three Plants, and including also a number of representatives of North Adams citizens, plus the fact that practically every program has one or more Service men at the broadcasts, we can now more clearly see that the Sprague Radio LOG is becoming what we hear the Announcer say at the beginning or end of each meeting:

"You have been listening to the radio program 'of the employees, by the employees and for the employees' and Friends of Sprague Specialties Company."

## Receives Purple Heart



Pvt. Frederick D. Berthiaume, somewhere in the South Pacific, is shown receiving the decoration of the Purple Heart, after having been wounded and in a hospital for 34 days. His mother is Matilda Berthiaume in Imp. Section Pickup.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

**VICTORY DEPENDS ON EVERYONE, EVERYDAY**

**STAY ON YOUR JOB—don't lose time!**

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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## The Log Looks Ahead

As 1944 draws near the LOG will leave resolution-making to those more able and simply try to serve you and merit your approval. We plan to add several workers to our staff to make sure that each department and each shift is covered for news. Getting out the LOG twice a month and on time for three separate plants calls for team work. Whether you are a reporter or not, your written and signed contributions will receive full consideration. Make sure your plant, your department and your section are reported regularly . . . by passing along the facts and ideas to your plant or department reporter.

## Citations To Western Electric Company Reflect Credit On Sprague Workers

By Direct Wire From  
WESTERN UNION

November 9, 1943

D. Levinger, Works Mgr.—Hawthorne  
Again the employees of the Hawthorne Works can have just pride in their accomplishments as evidenced by the tribute paid them in the following telegram just received:

"To the Men and Women of  
Western Electric Company, Att.,  
C. G. Stoll, President  
195 Broadway, NYC.

"Your fire control equipment for 6 inch and 5 inch gun batteries on certain light cruisers has contributed to the outstanding performance of these gunnery installations in action in the South Pacific. A recent report from the Commander of a Cruiser Division states: 'The 6 inch and 5 inch batteries and associated fire control have been in use for six months including service against the enemy. Both individually and as a fighting combination they are extraordinarily accurate, handy, rugged and reliable. They have made an impressive showing and inflicted severe punishment on the enemy.' You are to be congratulated for providing such

splendid fighting equipment for Ships of the Fleet.

W. H. P. Blandy, Rear Admiral,  
W. H. P. Blandy,  
Rear Admiral, USN,  
Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance."  
C. G. Stoll

NS Great Lakes, Illinois  
November 19, 352P

The Men and Women of  
The Western Electric Co.  
Hawthorne Division, Chicago  
19202.

The Bureau of Ships wishes to commend you on the delivery of 25 SL Electronic Units one month ahead of schedule. The equipment that you are producing is needed in great quantities to fulfill the requirements of the shipbuilding program which is now reaching its full stride. The Bureau appreciates your efforts in behalf of the Navy and urges you to maintain the fine record which you have established.

E. L. Cochran, Rear Admiral USN  
Chief of the Bureau of Ships

Washington, D. C.  
436P

## NOTICE Dec. 17 Is The Date

The Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Committee is again ready to receive from employees the names of fellow-workers who may need a Christmas basket to provide a happier, merrier, Christmas.

As in the past, it is required that the recipient of the basket have at least six months service with the company and that the committee be the judge as to the merits of each case. These rules are not repeated here, however, to discourage the suggestion of names—the funds are received from employees and are intended to be used for the welfare of employees who may need "a helping hand".

Let's be sure that each and every Sprague employee and his family again enjoys a pleasant holiday!

To guarantee delivery of Christmas baskets by Christmas Eve it is essential that all names of potential basket recipients be in Miss Owen's office before five o'clock, December 17—this is absolutely the deadline!

Also, in order to be certain that the committee receive all of the required information, we are asking employees to submit names on blank forms which may be obtained at the dispensary in any one of the three plants.

"Lend a willing, helping hand"

The Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Committee are:

F. E. Fitzgerald Charlotte Trotter  
Etta Owen William Jette  
Raymond Mahar Laurence Haskins  
Roy Trotter Frances Partenope  
Fred Windover Katherine Corsi  
Mary Fachini

## November Slogan Winners to Be Announced in Next Log

On another page of this issue you will find an article which tells you about the special January-February balloting on the seventy-five best slogans submitted during our present contest which closes on December 31st.

Remember, you still have time to get in your slogan for December and thus perhaps find yourself in the January-February contest with its string of slogan prizes.

In our next issue we shall publish for your interest the 25 best slogans received in our October and November contests — 50 slogans in all. The 25 best received for December will be published early in January. Then we shall go into our balloting on the 15 best received in each of the five months of the contest,—August to December, inclusive,—or seventy-five in all.

## North Adams And Electronics

Many of our readers have no doubt seen both Chapter One and Chapter Two of the Sprague story of "Electronics" appearing recently in the North Adams Transcript. We do not believe that the central thought of this story can be stated too many times to the employees of the Sprague organization and to the citizens of North Adams and vicinity. The gist of this thought is that North Adams has at its finger tips the opportunity to become one of the leading centers of the electronics industry. As further chapters appear we recommend that our readers be sure to study these advertisements.

You are again reminded that it is by order of the Army's Fourth Service Command that you are required to wear your company badge at all times while at the plant.  
Please Comply.

## ANNUAL SHOW COMMITTEES



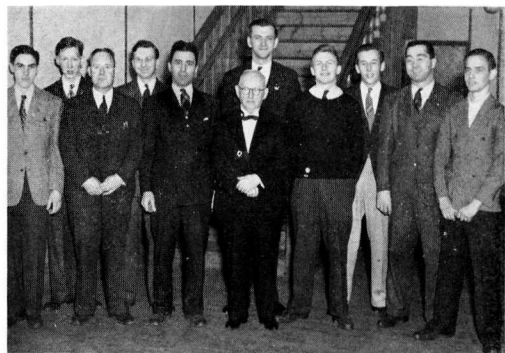
### TICKET COMMITTEE — WELL ORGANIZED

Under Chairmanship of Ray Mahar, the work of the Ticket Committee was well handled. Standing, left to right: Rita Antonucci, Rita Sieliano, Esther Perrault, Mildred Clifton, Lorraine Van Steenburg, and Ardelle Rudy. Seated: Henry Gamari, Mamie Farinon and Chairman Raymond Mahar.



### THE USHERS — A BEVY OF BEAUTIES

The smiling young ladies who ushered guests to their seats were,—Top Row: Kay Corsi, Frances Partenope, Helen Corsi, Mary Fachini, Esther Garratt-Head Usher, Josephine De Paoli, Anita Wojnicki and Eunice Charbonneau. Seated: Rita DePari, Imogene McNulty and Catherine DePari.



### MEN BEHIND THE SCENES

These are the men who helped make the "Mellowdrammer" tick, by speedy scene shifting and management of properties. Left to right: Messrs. Francis Dinneen, Gerald Burns, Ed Nichols of Drury High School, Bill Jette, Roy Trotter, Mat Nazzewski, Chas. B. Fairchild, Reginald Rowett, Louis Vincelette, Pete Mancuso and Jack Rivard.



### To Edward Coulter (below) of Mica Department

For new method for cleaning salvage block sections. Results: Eliminates hand cleaning. Speeds up operation three times.

### SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS

### To Wallace A. Young (above) of Production Scheduling

For the addition of two spring clips for each volt-testing machine. Results: More convenient for operator. Lighter contact. Faster operation. Not necessary to hook leads.







Swanky End Men: Mike Gorman, Kenny Russell, Cedo Remillard, Gene Pyke, Pinky Sherman and Oliver Dupree.

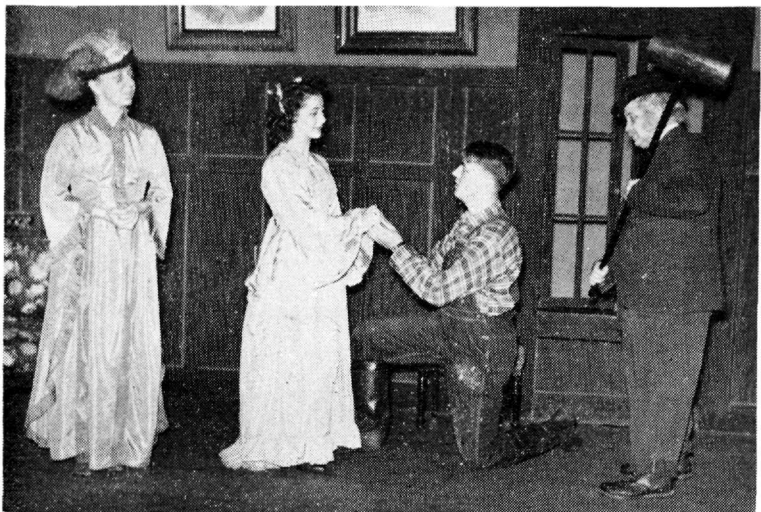


#### CANDID SHOT BEHIND SCENES

Our candid camera man, Mr. Fred Crosier caught this amusing scene. Mr. John Heywood, father in the "Mellowdrammer" cast, is waiting for his cue; Sally Barton, script in hand is ready to prompt. Behind her is Bob Shoemaker; to her left appear Fritz Windover and Larry Madison. To the extreme right is Marvin Williams with his famous invention, the "Thunder Machine."



Clever juvenile dance number by Edmund Dupuis and Anne Louise Colt was well received. Directly behind them are Douglas LaBonte and Milan Sealise, whose song, "Paper Doll" was one of the hits of the show.



#### HERO ASKS FOR HEROINE'S HAND —

In true and approved fashion of the nineties, Art Bell, the Hero, asks Pat Siciliano (Heroine) for her hand, and Geraldine Reeves (Mother) and John Heywood (Father) give consent.

## MORE PHOTOGRAPHS AND BACKSTAGE NOTES OF THE 1943 SPRAGUE ANNUAL MINSTREL SHOW



#### THAT FAMOUS BARBERSHOP QUARTET

With gusto, the members of the Barbershop Quarter sing their popular and much applauded songs: Larry Madison, Joe Macksey, Fritz Windover and Bob Shoemaker.

#### Curfew Shall Not Blow Tonight

Our hats off to Larry Madison, when in the midst of his solo, the curfew would ring. Larry, with a smile, went right on with his number. The second night of the performance, Miss Owen was determined that solo would not be spoiled again. So, more jokes were told by the Endmen — and still no curfew. Etta Owen had the fine idea of presenting Miss Tietgens with her bouquet. She was sure that the applause from the audience, as Miss Tietgens received the roses would drown the whistle. Miss Tietgens received the bouquet, the audience clapped — and STILL no curfew! Larry had to go on with his solo. He sang, beautifully and feelingly, and—no curfew. It so happened that the curfew had already rung! But few on the stage, nor Miss Owen had heard it! It all happened as planned — Curfew rang during the laughter of the audience at one of end man Gorman's jokes!

#### Are You Slipping?

At the party, following the show, when the cast and chorus can take down its hair and relax—or make whoopy in its various ways—what does this years' chorus do? Groups talk quietly together, or play cribbage or bridge. No noise, no raucous hilarity. Is it the war? Or, are you slipping?

#### And Once Again !

Orchids to the lovely and gracious ushers who add so much to the prestige and high reputation which our Annual Show enjoys....Cheers for the hard working Ticket Committee members who insured a complete sell-out....Lapel carnations and unstinted praise for the Backstage Committee of men who made the "Mellowdrammer" click just like that!...and Roses to Miss Owen and her assistants who managed arrangements all the way through....Encores for Fred Windover in his difficult and trying task of training the chorus and end men and directing the Minstrels from the orchestra pit....Heaps of fan mail for Larry Haskins in his role of producer of



The Chorus was well trained and deserves great praise for their splendid work....

"Pittsfield Passion"...and last, but not least, to the chorus, to the end men and to the soloists themselves....a sincere vote of appreciation for a marvelous performance. We thank you.

#### Asides On The Show

Did you know about the bouquet—that-never-got-there? It was a choice bouquet ordered for the villian, Mr. Jimmie Oldham, and was made up of beets, radishes and carrots. Very colorful. But curses! It never reached the stage in time to be presented. It did reach Jimmie after the show. In true villianous manner, he exclaimed: "You rats! Heh - heh - heh."

Didn't you like the way the villian handled his moustache? The first night of the show, when Jimmie Oldham's moustache fell off, did you notice how deliberate he picked it up, calmly laid it upon the table and proceeded with his lines? It was nothing short of genius!



#### INVEIGLING THE VILLIAN

Both Mother and Daughter make a play for the favor of the infamous Jedediah Jasmine, played by Mr. Jimmie Oldham. The Mother is Mrs. Geraldine Reeves, the Daughter is Miss Pat Siciliano.

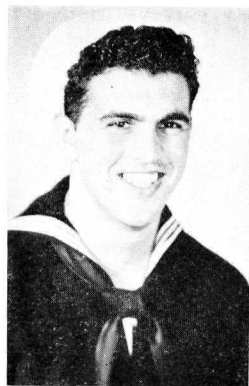
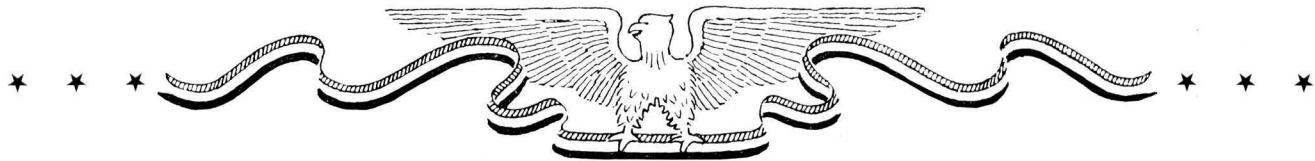


#### DORA TIETGENS RECEIVES BOUQUET

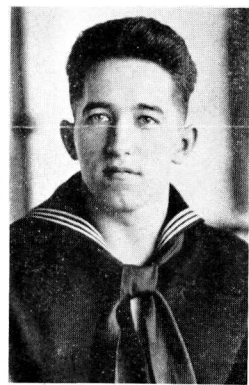
Roses and many compliments go to Miss Dora Tietgens for her untiring and excellent work as accompanist for the Chorus. Here, Larry Madison presents her with a bouquet of roses from her admiring friends as she receives a big ovation from the audience across the foot-lights.



## ★ NEWS and VIEWS from Sprague Workers In Service ★



3-c Petty Officer Fayese Unisat at San Francisco, Calif. Mother is Mary of B.T.A.



Arthur Bourgeois, brother of Juliette in Western Electric.

Welcome to Pvt. Robert H. Willis, who is working for us in Ovens. Bob is home with an honorable discharge, having served his country for eight months. He was in two major battles near New Guinea.



Pvt. James R. Litalien, son of Catherine of Impregnating.

### "Somewhere In Australia"

Dear Friends:

I have been receiving the *Log* you send me each month and it is very much appreciated. It keeps me up with the gang and the fine work that all of you are doing. You keep 'em rolling and we'll keep 'em running! Say Hello to the W.E. gang.

Sincerely yours,

Cpl. Nelson R. Charron

### THANKS TO THE MACHINE SHOP CROWD

Camp Ellis, Ill.  
Nov. 16, 1943

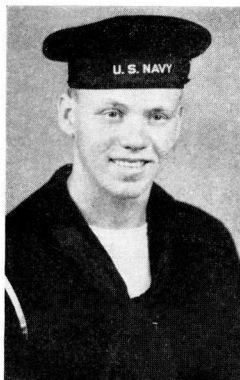
Dear Friends:

Received the box of cigars and your Christmas card. Thanks a lot. It's sure good to know that the boys back home are still thinking of me. Those cigars are doubly appreciated because you can't buy any 6c cigars in camp. They can't get them. The only kind is a Phillie brand at 10c each and then only once or twice a week and they are sold out the same day. Most of the time you can't get any cigars. I wish to thank each and every one there for the gift.

Please remember me to Koloch, Barney, Hughie, Cooper, Scarbo, Cedu and all the rest of my friends there.

Sincerely,

Mike



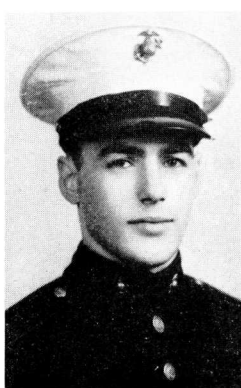
Henry Frazier, Seaman 2-c formerly of Vit. Q. is the brother-in-law of Elsie Osterhoudt of Vit. Q.

Houlton, Maine

Pvt. Henry Contois, stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., spent a short furlough at his home. Henry is the husband of Doris, clerk for the Dry Rolling Dept.

Ralph Lesure, U. S. Navy, who is stationed at Sampson, N. Y., visited friends at Marshall Street Plant. Ralph formerly worked in the Shipping room of the Gas Mask.

Pvt. Chester Burdick is home on furlough, from Camp Hood, Tex.



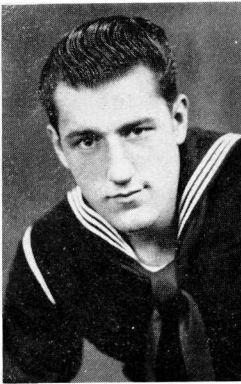
Pfc. Ray Racette of Marines, formerly worked in Dry Test, is stationed at LeJeune, S. C. His wife Thelma is in Boxing.

### Acknowledgment

Sprague Specialties Company gratefully acknowledges the Christmas card, and the fine gesture that prompted it, of Pfc. Eddy Chrzanowski stationed in the Medical Detachment at Los Angeles, Calif.

And accept our very best wishes, too, Pfc. Chrzanowski, for a bright and happy Christmas, and a speedy return to your home town and friends! And we certainly will play "Star Dust" for your wife, Marion, as requested in your letter!

Word has just been received that Pvt. Clifford Valliers was injured in a parachute accident overseas. Both legs were badly hurt. Should any of his friends care to write him, please ask for his address at the Dispensary. Our sympathy and best wishes to you, Cliff.



Vincent E. Bartholdi, formerly of Block Test.

### Jim Dillon Meets Many North Adams Pals

November 23, 1943

Dear Sirs:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. I am here to get training for over-seas combat duty with the army air force. It is a nice camp for a soldier who likes to be strictly G.I. We are just out of St. Louis and get passes every night at 1700 (5 o'clock to civilians) till 0300, which is 3 o'clock.

As in every camp where I am stationed, I seem to meet some one from home. This time I met a Pappas from Houghton St. in North Adams. I believe his sister Kay, still works for you in Impregnating. Pappas is at an Italian Prisoner-of-War Camp outside of St. Louis. I believe he is a guard. He looks swell. Hope other boys have had the same luck as I have had in meeting boys from home. You people at the Plants are helping a great deal in advancing our day of Victory. Keep up the good work, friends. And please let me know how the show went over. I'll sign off, hoping all is running smoothly.

Your friend,

Jim Dillon



Cpl. Matthew J. Zepka, overseas, brother of Mary Battery.

Cpl. Arthur Theberge, formerly of K.V.A., and son of George in Maintenance, shot a deer recently, while home on furlough.

Peter Maruco stationed in Florida, formerly in Paper Assembly. His mother is Mary of B.T.A.

127 Const. Batt.  
Gulfport, Miss.

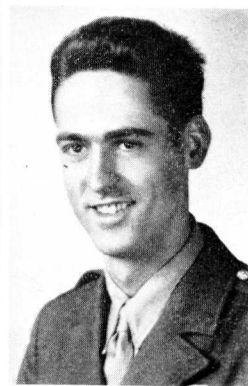
Hi Folks:

I have been receiving the *Log* every month and I do enjoy reading it. I have been changed to a new camp once more. Each time, it seems I get farther and farther away from home, and each time, a much larger camp. I have noticed on some of our equipment here, there are Sprague condensers. As you can see, the Seabees are most everywhere.

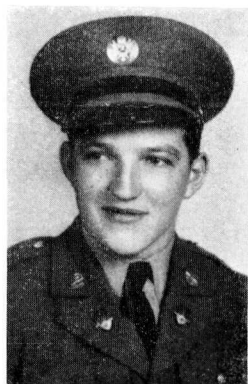
Give my regards to Jack Murray of the Machine Shop.

Yours truly,

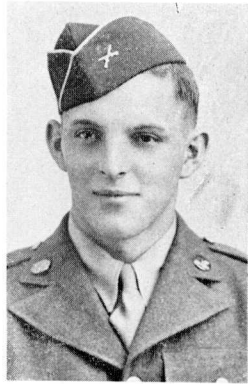
Harry J. George



Clifford L. Valliers, formerly of Ovens.



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Seaman 2-c Kenneth W. Schmidt Seabee, stationed at Camp Endicott, R. I. He is the son of Anna of Block Test.

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U.S.S. RADFORD

Dear Friend:

Received your kind and welcome letter and I was glad to hear from you. The years do go by fast. It is a year since I have been home, and I certainly will be glad when I see the good old "U.S.A." and my father, mother and all my friends again.

I work on the deck force, helping to keep the ship in good condition, and have put on thirty pounds since I have been in the navy. Greetings to all my friends. As always,

George S. Coady S1-c



### Five Farinon Brothers

Top left: Edward, in the Infantry, stationed at Ft. George Meade, Maryland. Top right: Rinaldo, in the Air Corps at Buckley Field, Denver, Colo. Formerly worked in Ovens. Insert: Francis, served 6 months in Navy, has honorable discharge. Left, bottom: Raymond, formerly of K.V.A., in Anti-Aircraft, trained at Ft. Custis, Va. now in England. Bottom right: 1-c Shipfitter Orlando. Enlisted in Navy before Pearl Harbor. Whereabouts is not known.



Helena Sutton in Oklahoma, has been promoted to Seaman, 2nd Class. Formerly Check Inspector at Beaver Plant.

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To the Editor!

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate it very much if you would forward the Log to my present address. I enjoy the Log tremendously—it makes me feel good to see the old faces in it.

Please extend my heartiest congratulations to my good friend Fred Windover for again putting over the Annual Minstrel Show. I had high hopes of being home to attend it, but Uncle Sam thought otherwise. Thank you sincerely for your trouble,

I remain,

Pfc. Dominic A. Esposito

### Reached Our Million!

"A million cigarettes to the armed forces by Thanksgiving." That was our goal, back in September, and it seemed a possible goal. But even when our contributions dwindled from \$200. per week to \$170, or \$160, the goal was still a possible one to make. We are pleased, then, to announce to you Sprague workers that your dimes and quarters, collected each week, exceeded the amount necessary to make our million mark by November 12th. And by the week ending November 19th, we had consigned 58,000 packages or a total of 1,160,000 cigarettes. This is an outstanding achievement for our employees.

The number of countries covered by our shipments, is 46. Countries to which repeat shipments have been sent include: China, Alaska, North Africa, England, Italy, New Guinea, Sicily, Northern Ireland, Australia, and Iceland.

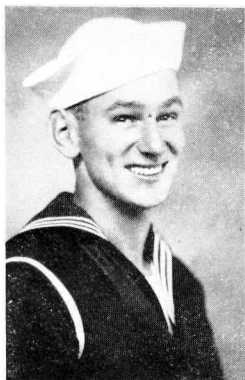
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Ronald T. Burnett formerly of Maintenance.



2-c Fireman Fiore Maruco and 1-c Mechanical Engineer, Joseph Maruco.



L. P. Gelineau, son of Minnie of B.T.A.

### Thank You Letters Received

The following are just a few of the letters received at the Dispensary in acknowledgment of cigarettes.

To: Miss Etta E. Owen, R.N. Employees of Sprague Specialties Co. North Adams, Mass.

"V" Mail Letter:

"Somewhere in Italy" Nov. 14, 1943

Dear Etta:

This of course, is not the usual message form that is enclosed with cigarettes, sent by you folks back in the U.S.A. to the fellows over here. But hope it conveys the message of my thanks just the same.

I received the Camels while enroute from Africa to Italy some while ago and they were needed and used. Though I lost the card, I kept the address, thus I direct this V-letter to you with many thanks and my appreciation for the smokes.

Yours truly,  
Eugene F. Clark

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Italy, Nov. 1943

Employees of Sprague Specialties Co. Attn: Miss Etta E. Owen, R.N.

I received the carton of Camels O.K. They really are appreciated at a place and time like this. Thanks a million for remembering us over here. It gets mighty lonely here after being over seas for nearly 19 months. Hope it's not much longer.

Pfc. Ross L. Allen

Employees of Sprague Specialties Co. North Adams, Mass.

Attn: Miss Etta E. Owen, R.N.

I received your carton of Camel cigarettes and I want to thank you for them. I am a soldier with eighteen months service overseas. We are glad to know what kind of people are in back of us.

Vincent Faus

November 26, 1943

Dear Friends:

I am sending you a poem so that you can put it in the Log. I haven't much to do when we are on maneuvers out in the desert, so all I do is write, and I would like to see this published.

### Furloughs

What is the word most frequently heard In the P.X. dayrooms and canteens? Of what do they speak each day of the week

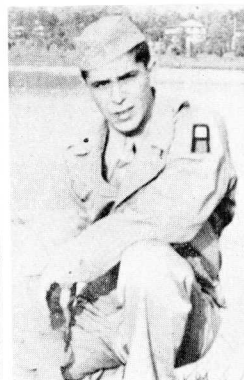
Of the rumors we hear in latrines? Furlough's the word for some lucky bird —

He's going, or been, or come back. It's furlough this day, and furlough that day.

It's furlough for John, Jim and Jack. A furlough is fine before it is time For the thing to go into effect.

It's OK the day you start on your way— But hell when you have to come back. Pfc. John Rosse

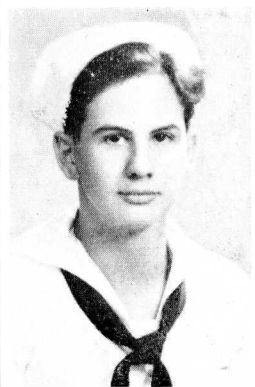
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Guido Maselli, son of Alice of Western Electric, is now in Italy.



James Soulia, son of Rena, of Block Test.



C. H. Hannaleck, brother of Eric, and Helen of Dry Rolling.

# Sprague Radio Log . . .

## Radio Review . . .

The morning program of November 30th was highlighted by two well-delivered talks, one by Mr. H. B. Clark, President of the North Adams National bank, and of the Board of Directors of the local Y.M.C.A.; the other speech was given by Mr. Edw. Oliver Baker, director of the Sprague Training Center at Marshall Street. Mr. Clark spoke very aptly on the role that the local "Y" had played in the community. He stressed the fact that membership was not required for the many activities which are open to North Adams residents through the facilities of the Y.M.C.A. and told of the part the "Y" can play in the future of this community.

Mr. Baker explained simply, and with dignity, the work of the Training School. He told how it is possible to place an employee in the particular work for which she shows an aptitude, or change the work of another employee into a branch in which she can gain greater skill.

Music for the program was given by Mrs. Violet Colt, for many seasons, a member of the Sprague Minstrel and Benefit Show, and by Mr. Joe Macksey, Guard at Marshall Street, who also sang in the quartet at this Year's Minstrel Show. The *Log* was very happy to have W.A.C. Marian Davis, and Pvt. Howard D'Amico on the program. Both young people were former Sprague workers. Hostess for the Day, was Mrs. Rita Foote of Marshall Street, and the Five-Star Reporter was Miss Kay Ghidotti of Brown Street.

**Ruth Haskins, Hostess**  
**Elaine Bressette, Soloist**

Miss Elaine Bressette, one of the star soloists in the Sprague Annual Minstrels this year, will give two vocal numbers. Mrs. Ruth Haskins of Marshall Street will be the hostess on this 10th program of the current series of Radio Broadcasts from the Blue Room in the Richmond Hotel. As on every broadcast several members of the organization from each plant will be among the invited guests. Prize winners in the November Sprague Slogan Contest will be invited to attend.

## In Memory of Pearl Harbor

The program for Tuesday, Dec. 7th, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, was fittingly dedicated to this event. The program opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, and a short address by Mr. B. Mountford, a retired clergyman who is adding his bit to the war effort by working at Spragues. Our very able Hostess of the Day was Miss Estelle Howard, Chairman of the local branch of the Red Cross, and Executive Secretary of the Community Chest.

Excellent talks were delivered by Mr. Alphonse Merrigan, Past Commander of the American Legion, and by Mr. Fred McNamara, head of the Purchasing department of Sprague Specialties Company, and also a member of the American Legion.

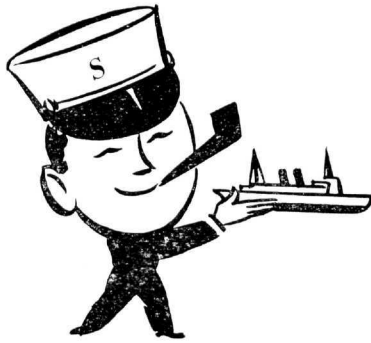
Music for the occasion was given by Miss Helen Lesure in an appropriate solo, and by the former Minstrel Quartet—Mr. Robert Shoemaker, Mr. Larry Madison, Mr. Fred Windover and Mr. Joe Macksey. Representing the Armed Forces, was seaman Earl Russell, who is back from Sicily and has seen active service in at least three major encounters with the enemy. As a fitting climax to the program, Miss Lesure sang America, with the quartet joining in.

It is also worthy of comment that the invited guests for this program, representing Sprague's three Plants—all had relatives serving in the Armed Forces. Many of these guests had one, two—or three, brothers or sons, overseas.

**Stanley Denoyan to Speak on**  
**Radio Log December 14**

At the 11:30 broadcast of the Sprague Radio Log on December 14, Mr. Stanley Denoyan, head of the Accounting Department and recently re-elected as Treasurer of the Credit Union, will be the principal speaker. His subject is to be "The Growth of the Credit Union and its Meaning to the Employee and the Community." Mr. Denoyan is a prominent member of the Kiwanis Club and its Treasurer.

## Keep Things Shipshape



**Mates, I mean just what I say,—**  
**It pays to keep picked up!**  
**There isn't any better way**  
**To win the silver cup . . .**  
**For safety and efficiency,**  
**For top production too . . .**  
**They all require attention from**  
**Each member of our crew.**  
**So mates, let's keep things ship-**  
**shape,**  
**As we try for all-out speed,**  
**In turning out the weapons that**  
**Our FIGHTING shipmates need!**

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## - - And Just Between Us Gals !

Don't look now, but haven't I seen you somewhere before? . . . I mean, you're either too old or too young, if you know what I mean. . . . Not at Brown Street, of course. . . . What's that you say? Up at Beaver? . . . you don't really. . . . uhuh. . . . uhuh. . . . definitely. . . . he is. . . . but. . . . don't hang up. . . . Oh well. . . . let it go. . . . next year is Leap Year. . . . and. . . . where was I anyway? . . . Dearest George. . . . as I was saying. . . . the gang is really doing a wonderful job getting out Sprague Products. . . . and if I do say so, we girls are doing every bit we can to help win this war. . . . you can really be proud of the way your pals back here are backing you up. . . . there goes that phone again. . . . and I hope you get that Christmas present I mailed you. . . . I'll finish this letter when. . . . Yes. . . . Hello. . . . Yes, sir, right away. . . . between us girls, we'll get out that order right on time. . . . I'm telling YOU!

Mary Lita

## SPRAGUE FIVE STAR CLUB

(Continued from page 1)

the members receive a membership ticket and from time to time will be sent various types of information regarding Sprague products and about electronics. It is further planned, if the Club grows to such size, to hold public events such as lectures and demonstrations for further instruction in the theory and practice regarding Sprague products. Young people's groups may be formed and other ideas have been outlined, which we believe will prove of great interest, though they perhaps cannot be used until the Club has grown to considerable size.

A written note, sent by mail, to "The Five Star Club", North Adams, Mass., requesting membership will be acknowledged, and you will receive a membership ticket. If this brief description of the Sprague Five Star Club is interesting to you, why not send in your letter of application?

## 'Log' Editorial Staff Meets

**Draws Plans For 1944**

Wednesday, December 8, the Editorial Staff and Plant Reporters of the *Log* held a business meeting to review the progress of the *Log* since it took on its new staff of reporters, editors and managers last summer.

In general it was reported that the new *Log* is greatly appreciated and widely read and accepted. Plans are being made to add a few more reporters so as to make sure that all departments and shifts are represented.

A number of new suggestions were presented and the editors hope that *Log* readers will be pleased with several innovations which will make their appearance from time to time.

The staff approved the decision to print a special insert with the December 25, Christmas, issue of the *Log*. This issue will contain the many pictures of babies and youngsters which have been submitted during the past few months. It is felt that this insert will make a timely addition at Christmastime, which is so much a day for the children.

As announced in our last issue of the *Log*, there have been so many verses of varying types,—some poetry, some lyric, some comic, some doggerel, and some in more dramatic style,—that the editors have decided to print only an occasional poem or two each issue in the *Log*,—and then later the Editors will make up a little book of all the acceptable poems and verses which have appeared in the *Log* since its beginning, plus as many as possible of those for which we have really not had room recently without increasing the size of our paper beyond its practical limits.

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## SLOGAN CONTEST CLOSES

**DECEMBER 31st**

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So you see there is still time to get into the December slogan contest. By so doing you will have a chance to get into the January-February balloting and be in the running for one of the fifteen final prizes.

We have published many times the rules of the present slogan contest, but wish to repeat the principal points here:—All slogans must contain the word SPRAGUE. All slogans must be ten words or less. Each month a cash prize goes to the best slogan in each plant submitted during the month. There is also one prize each month for the slogan judged the most original. Slogans, as in all such contests, become the property of the *Log*. Slogans are finally judged by non-Sprague judges.

The fact that your slogan is posted in your plant means that the judges picked your slogan as among the best for the month from your plant, and of course the slogan which won the cash prize is included in those posted. Thus the posting of your slogan, even if you did not win a cash prize, becomes a form of honorable mention.

Naturally, the *Log* hopes that all the slogans posted will serve as constant reminders to all employees that their individual efforts contribute greatly to the war effort.

The *Log* greatly appreciates the work of all contestants, and urges as many as possible to get the Slogan blanks and enter the December contest before the 31st.



**Settle your transportation problems the modern way. . . . STOP ! and SHARE YOUR RIDE!**

## MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Jean Whitney of the Marshall St. office and Josephine Girgenti of the Beaver St. office (formerly of Gas Mask) recently spent a week end in New York City. The girls tell us they had a wonderful time—but then, when those two young ladies get together, they always have a good time.

What's this we hear about Doris Bard? Monday morning at 10 above zero, she claims her driver's car broke down at the Beaver Plant, and poor Doris had to leg it from Beaver to Marshall. Doris thinks she has been helping the war effort by not buying stockings, and this morning she came close to being legless as well as stockingless. Right — Doris?

Miss Bertha Southgate, a contestant in the recent Beauty Contest, almost missed getting in it. She had a tooth extracted—the result was a swollen jaw.



Why did Pete Brazeau quit Minstrel rehearsals? He claims the end men positions were all filled. WE heard it was because he couldn't sing a solo. Which was it, Pete?

Grace Ogert and Lena Bullett took their vacations Thanksgiving week. We can't think of a better way to spend a vacation—eating turkey!

Reporter S. Richardson compliments Joe Macksey for his solo; and Edw. Baker for his speech on the Sprague Radio program of November 30th, and hopes he can hear Joe sing "Wagon Wheels" sometime.

## Congratulations

Reporter Ruth Haskins congratulated all responsible for the very definite success of the Annual Sprague Minstrel and Benefit. She says: "Especially outstanding, I believe, was the closing number 'Say A Prayer for the Boys Over There' with 'The Lord's Prayer'. An altogether fitting and proper climax; and to the citizens of North Adams, whose service flag boasts 2320 stars, the solemn reverence of that beautiful closing was not wasted." —So say all of us, Ruth.

## JEANNIE WITH A SMILE

There is a girl named Jeannie  
Who lives in our city.  
And I will tell you folk  
That she is most witty.

She is a happy girl  
Always has a smile.  
Working every day she can  
And singing with a smile.

She is just a little girl  
And just a little shrimp.  
She is always full of fun,  
But very much an imp.

And we all love her  
No matter what she says.  
And may the Lord bless her  
Through the nights and days.

Gladys Barnes—Gas Mask

## Christmas Carols on December 21st Radio Program

A chorus of employees will sing Christmas Carols on our Sprague Radio Log of December 21 at 4:30 in the afternoon over WBRK. The broadcast will be from the Blue Room in the Richmond Hotel and we shall be glad to have any employees who are able to attend the program do so if they wish. Admittance is by card and you may obtain this card from the personnel office by calling in person, or from your Plant Editors.

*When someone you love goes to war—*

When someone you love goes to war,  
There's only one thing you can do!  
Though the days may be drear,—  
Step up! Volunteer!  
Remember—he's counting on YOU!

Remember,—he's praying for YOU:  
To set new records in speed,—  
The American Way . . .  
On the job! Every Day!  
Turning out the Sprague products they need!

AND . . .

**Back the attack with BONDS**



## BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Mrs. Florence Stein of Mica Dept. has left to join her husband, and to make her home in Atlanta, Georgia. Flo was presented with a handbag and a sum of money by her co-workers who wish her the best of luck in her new surroundings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robare spent the week end of November 20th in New York City. Madeline works in Mica Finishing.

Our Reporter from Brown Street sends congratulations to Lill Adams of the Networks at Beaver on the occasion of her receiving her Army-Navy "E" pin. The occasion was one of solemnity and great importance, with a fitting speech by the Foreman, and her supervisor pinning the emblem on Lill's dress.

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## Mica Dept. Has Its Own Thanksgiving

By Betty Bourdon

Mica Finishing Department enjoyed a Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday noon, November 24th in their department. The table was attractively decorated in keeping with the season. The luncheon menu was baked beans, potato salad, cold slaw, brown bread, rolls, assorted cakes and soda. Judging by the appearance of the girls after the luncheon, their hearty appetites had been taken care of. During the course of the luncheon, Beatrice Sherman was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a gift. Beatrice is leaving to make her home in Boston. The Chairlady and assistants for the luncheon were Madeline Robare, Betty Coulter and Mary McNine. The one and only male eligible for this party was Harold Burgess! How does it feel, Harold, to be a Sultan for an hour?



Girls of the Networks Department were the guests of their Supervisor, Jack Hooton, and Mrs. Hooton at their home Thanksgiving night. A delicious dinner was served by the hostess, and enjoyed to the fullest, by the guests. In appreciation of the event, the girls presented Mrs. Hooton with a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

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## "ROLLING FOR VICTORY"

The least we can do is roll all day—For the boys who are far away. They have gone across to fight Keeping our Liberty and Justice right! And mark my word, they won't be back 'Til they have beaten the Japs' attack. And so, for the Victory we will need Let's keep the works rolling — top speed!

Terry Phelps

What handsome boy from the Plating Department is courting the Sweetheart of the K.V.A. Stockroom?

Who in Mica, thinks he is Vaughn Monroe the 2nd. Incidentally ask B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campedelli spent a very pleasant week in New York.

## The Solderer's Lament

Resistor Dept.—First Shift

Do you wonder I'm insane—  
My poor head reels  
When I talk to those dames  
Of the soldering wheels.

Bonus rates are unfair,  
The acid too thin.  
Somebody took my chair,  
My head is in a spin.

The music's too loud,  
There's a draft on my back,  
You can't please this crowd  
Even with finest of tact.

This machine doesn't gauge,  
Get Francis Falvey quick!  
So Francis, I page—  
All our troubles he'll lick.

If you notice queer odors  
That seem dead, not alive—  
It must be the exhaust—  
We use Chenail No. Five.

But when payday arrives  
And they line up, so trim—  
To receive each, their prize.  
I know, it's with them, we'll win!



## Brown Street Payroll Office

By Mary Mathews

Millie Ottman says that the "Ski Widows" are making plans for the winter season. Irene has a suggestion for bigger signs over the Rest Room doors, especially since it has been changed from "Ladies" to "Men". Kathy has proven how cool she can be in emergencies—when all the lights on the switchboard come in at one time. (Incidentally she is to be relief operator). Connie says she feels so much better now that her waist line is shrinking. Agnes, the fastidious, has acquired some new nicknames—but regardless, Ag, you're still a snappy number. Peggy's days do not seem quite long enough to take care of her letters to pen pals. Helen is willing to display her technique at lobster eating anytime, to anyone interested in paying for the dinner. Doris is far too quiet these days. Snapp out of it Doris. Where's the old YOU! We also miss Betty, who has temporarily deserted us for the Beaver office.



Miss Philomena H. Gerry of Mica Department has announced her engagement to Leonard L. Boyd, 2nd class Seaman stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

Miss Mary Walsh announces her engagement to Edward Letourneau, Petty Officer 3rd class. Mary is in the Impregnating Department, Beaver.



BE SURE TO REPORT ANY  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS IF  
YOU WANT TO BE SURE OF  
GETTING YOUR "LOG!"



Linda Ann Racette, daughter of Thelma of Boxing and Pfc. Ray whose picture is on the Service Page.

## Here To Stay!

Sprague's have won in every test. Their products equal, the very best. Starting from Sprague's home work shop. They've climbed the hill, clean over the top. Producing each product with excellent care. And performing their duty, without any wear. Serving our country at peace and in war. No product could possibly do any more. Expanding in every modern way, Sprague's products are here to stay. Proving that quality has been their aim. Brought to Sprague's worthwhile fame. I'm proud to work in such a shop. Where progress and science never stop. Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Resistor Dept.

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## Beaver Street Payroll Office

by Pricilla Windover

Along the main thoroughfare at noon, we see—Janet Gregalis hustling and bustling to get her marketing done. . . . Kenny Blanchard holding up the pillars of the National Bank, talking very busily. . . . Anna Purcell, "window shopping". . . . Fran Crosier darting into Men's Clothing Stores, looking at white scarves for Slim and Roy. Over there, Mrs. Brown Street Spragueite stops to tell the latest gossip to Miss Beaver Street Spragueite or vice versa.

Looking in on the Stay-at-the-Plant payrollers, we see—Ruth Brown listening very intently as Betty tells all about her trip to New York. . . . Ida Lovette telling with enthusiasm, some little anecdote to the others. . . . Mary Bosivert and Irv. playing cribbage, or Mary doing her best to prove that women are just as good as men. . . . Jo Lamberti, Millie and the rest of us chatting about how much we wish the "boy friend" could get home.

Mrs. Charles Boisvert entertained the Payroll Department at her home on Saturday evening, December 4. Mrs. Frank Gregalis was the guest of honor and was presented with a table lamp. Our poetic guest described the party as follows:

The party was lovely—  
The hostess, too.  
We sang and we sang  
All the songs Millie knew.

The lunch was *tres* delicious  
And everyone had fun.  
Mrs. G. was *tres* surprised—  
And now my story is done.

## Q? - - and - - A!

Questions and answers on general information for Sprague Workers, shop rules, and other subjects of a non-controversial nature will be answered here. The LOG reserves the right to reply by mail or to return as unsuited for this column any material submitted. The purpose of this column is to clarify matters of common interest, in a desire to make the LOG of increased service to our readers. All questions must be signed.

## LEND-LEASE IN REVERSE

Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff states: "Within the United Kingdom in the fiscal year of 1943, 1,500,000 ship tons of material were provided U. S. forces stationed there in addition to large quantities of production materials. Overseas commanders have been directed to utilize all available sources of local supply on a Reverse Lend-Lease basis."

Thus we see how other nations are furnishing U. S. armed forces with quantities of supplies, equipment, services, facilities and patent rights.

How do I make sure that the LOG will be sent to my son who is overseas? J.L.T.

Make sure that the Circulation Manager of the Log has his latest address.

Does the ruling regarding the company badge mean I have to wear it all the time? T.M.

No. Only when at the plant. It is requested, however, that you wear the badge with your picture and number, in plain sight when passing in or out of the gate or door of your plant. This speeds up recognition by the guard on duty. Multiplied many thousands of times per day this little thoughtfulness adds up to a real step toward more efficient war production.

Does a new prize go each month to those whose slogan cards are posted in the plants in red, white and blue colors? S.C.

No. Each month one person in each

plant is awarded a cash prize for the best slogan submitted during the preceding month. November awards will be made in a few days.

The colored slogan posters are being left up on the walls until after December 31. By the 10th of January there will be seventy-five such cards around the plants. These cards represent the best five slogans in each plant each new month. There is quite an article on this in another column of this Log.

How does one go about it to get on the Sprague Radio Log Programs? W.A.

Fair enough. Make a request to Fred Windover for later consideration. He will turn your name and what you would like to do over to the Radio Production Committee. For your information, W.A., the Radio Log plans to hold competitive auditions next month which will be both fun and worthwhile watching.



A daughter was born November 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood. The grandmother is Hortense, of Block Test.

Mr. R. C. Sprague was handing out cigars on November 30th, the occasion being the birth of his granddaughter, Diana Bartlett, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sprague, Jr.

Born, December 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Martell, a 7 lb. 9 oz. boy. The mother is Mary of Mica Dept.

A son, Michael Timothy to Catherine, and 2nd Class Petty Officer, John E. Mahoney of the Coast Guard. Catherine is in Dry Test and John formerly worked in the Machine Shop.

On December 6th, a daughter to Pfc. and Mrs. Anthony Cilli. Mrs. Cilli is Phyllis, formerly of Resistors, Brown Street.

Thanksgiving Day, a daughter Sandra Ellen, to Mr. and Mrs. Zygamond Nazzewski. "Dad" is Foreman of Plating & Etching and mother was formerly in the Sample Dept.

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## SLOGAN FOR A BOND

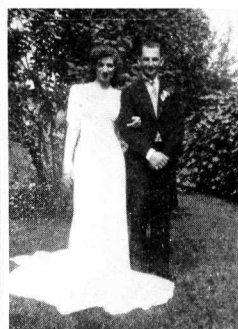
Buy, buy — don't say, "I'll try". This war we'll win, so don't give in.

Helen Scarfone

Here on the  
HOME FRONT  
our ENEMIES  
are  
ACCIDENTS  
and WASTE



BACK THE ATTACK  
with WAR BONDS!



Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Elias, married Sept. 6. Mrs. Elias was the former Muriel Fields of B.T.A.



On November 27th, at Notre Dame Church, occurred the marriage of Miss Rita Bombardier, Can Prep. Dept. to Mr. Alcide Guisti of Industrial Oils Department.

Miss Dorothy Ameen was married Monday, Dec. 6, to Corp. Isa A. Ali of New Orleans, La. Following the wedding, Corp. Ali will return to his post and Mrs. Ali will resume her work in the Mica Network Dept.



Main Office

Birthday greetings to Claire Murray—our “babe” of the office.

Rita Marino’s husband was home on furlough and from the snapshots we saw he hasn’t changed his mind about you, Rita.

Lillian Clermont and Ruth Graves spent the week end in New York. Come Monday—Oh-h what a long, long day!

We have learned that Isabel Peters’ brother Alfred, formerly of Wet Assembly, is back on U.S.A. soil.... hospitalized in Kentucky.... Keep your chin up and quick recovery, soldier.

Mr. Philip Bjork, our Army-Navy Expediter, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon on November 30th.

Betty Horrigan of the Can Shop visited her husband who is in service at New River, N. C.

To A Friend

It seems so long since you went away—I wish you were back here to stay. This place is a mess—there isn’t any fun.

All we do is *work* and curse until it’s done.

I miss your bright and sunny smile, And jokes we’d tell once in a while. I wish you luck in all you do, For you have it coming to you. You are a fellow both loyal and true—Yes, Frank it’s YOU—you devil, YOU!

*Jo of Sample Lab.*

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Boxing and Dry Rolling News

“We know it’s not funny but we just couldn’t help but laugh,” said the girls from Boxing. It seems that Peggy Charron slipped on a piece of wax and pulled the fire pail after her which is always filled with water. Results were, she looked like a drowned rat.

Irene Raczka of the Dry’s, and sister Wanda of the Lab, spent a week end in Hartford, Conn., visiting their sister.

A certain girl from Dry Rolling has a new permanent and no one dares to touch it. Consequently she must walk around as if she had a stiff neck.

Anna Barbuto, of Dry Rolling has everyone guessing about the Ouiji Board and what it predicted for her.

Who is the handsome brute that we find dancing at the lunch hour with little Josephine Pisard?

It is not her apple pie he misses, but her double layer chocolate cake, writes Charles Scott, husband of Mary, from Dry Rolling. Every week, we find Mary mailing Charlie his chocolate cake — he is serving with the army, stationed at a camp in New Jersey.

Three guesses who the tall slim fellow is from the Lab, who sits in the rear of one of the local theatres and pops popcorn balls at the cute little usherettes from the Boxing Dept.

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Co-Worker Feted

The co-workers of the former Betty Brocka entertained at a chicken supper at Florini’s in her honor. Betty’s marriage to Mr. George Samia took place Thanksgiving Day. The table was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and among the many gifts presented to her, was a large decorated cake and a blue down puff.

Plating and Can Shop

by Fran Zaloga

Lucille Little of the Plating Department and Rose Ravizza of the Can Shop spent the week end in New York. From all reports, it was an exciting venture!

Who is the single fellow in the Plating Department who has more trouble with a woman than any married man?

The Can Shop sends its best regards to Caroline Sulle for her recovery. Congratulations from the gang! To “Daddy” Nazzewski who became a father on Thanksgiving Day.

Fran, reports that Pfc. Daniel Alcombright has been transferred from Florence, S. Carolina to Tampa, Florida.

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Bathtub Assembly News

By Thelma Boulерice

Ethel Fosser and family spent the week end in Middletown, and New York, taking in the sights.

Anne Sondrini was happy to have her son home on furlough recently.

Madeline Ovitt spent the week end at her home in Passiomics, Vt.

Our beauty contest winner was so rushed for his autograph that he went to bed for a day or so. Hurry up and get well, Harry.

If you have a spare stick of gum, just don’t give it to Eleanor Durocher. Please give her bubble gum.

Welcome back to Helen Duda, who has returned to work.

Lea Johnson is visiting her husband, stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Who is the girl in B.T.A. who took all of eight hours to cook a chicken! And who is the girl that sleeps about 24 hours a day? Hey, Ollie, open your eyes, we would like to find out what color they are.

The Cover Solderers held a Thanksgiving celebration at Pedercini’s.

Do you know the classy lassie in B.T.A. who has a fondness for color? She wears bright red, or brilliant green—snuggies!

Cupid has been shooting his silver arrows from the Cover Solderers to the Leads. And it is a long time since B.T.A. has had a wedding. How about it? Are we to hear those wedding bells once more?

Paper and Tubular Assembly News

By Gertrude Gentile

A recent visitor to the Soldering Department was Doris Piaggi. She is now working in Springfield.

Miss Eileen O’Brien attended the Military Ball in Adams.

Miss Norine Mangano spent a recent week end in Springfield.

Jessie Johnston of the Soldering Department tells us that her son, Pfc. Robert Johnston of the Marine Corps has recently returned from the Pacific War Zone.

Marjorie Morris just returned from Colorado Springs, where she visited her husband who is stationed there.

Earl O’Neil spent a recent week end in New York.

Greetings to Mary Simonelli who is back with us again.

Dorothy Smith visited her sister in Stafford Springs over the week end.

A rising vote of thanks goes to Maud Waska. She is always on the job, selling tickets and seeing that the cigarette fund is always remembered.

Josephine Torchia spent Thanksgiving in Albany at the home of her parents.

The “Pin-up” glamour boy in the recent beauty contest, by vote, was Leon DeGraff. Gert Hall, also, was voted a close second.

Vicky Georgini has joined her husband, Seaman Wm. Georgini, in Norfolk, Va.

Do You Know Your Washington A-B-C’s?

You can make fun of them if you wish; but these alphabetical abbreviations save literally millions of dollars in paper, typesetting, ink and time every year. We can give no guarantee that this list is complete. New combinations are continually appearing and some old ones are being discontinued.

FPC	Federal Power Commission	DPC	Defense Plants Corporation
FPHA	Federal Public Housing Authority	ETO	European Theatre of Operations
FSA	Federal Security Administration and Federal Security Agency	FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FTC	Federal Trade Commission	FCA	Farm Credit Administration
FWA	Federal Works Agency	FCC	Federal Communications Commission
GPO	Government Printing Office	FDA	Food Distribution Administration
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission	FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
NACA	National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics	FEA	Foreign Economic Administration
NHA	National Housing Agency	FEPC	Fair Employment Practices Committee
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board	FHA	Federal Housing Administration
OC	Office of Civilian Defense	FHLBA	Federal Home Loan Bank Administration
OCR	Office of Civilian Requirements	PBA	Public Buildings Administration
ODT	Office of Defense Transportation	PCA	Production Credit Association
OEM	Office of Emergency Management	PWA	Public Works Administration
OES	Office of Economic Stabilization	REA	Rural Electrification Administration
OE	Office of Economic Warfare	RFC	Reconstruction Finance Corporation
OFEC	Office of Foreign Economic Coordination	SEC	Securities Exchange Commission
OFRRO	Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations	SPARS	Women's Coast Guard Reserve (from motto Semper Paratus "Always Ready")
ONI	Office of Naval Intelligence	SSB	Social Security Board
OO	Office of Censorship	SWPC	Smaller War Plants Corporation
OPA	Office of Price Administration	TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
OSRD	Office of Scientific Research and Development	UNRRA	United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration
OSS	Office of Strategic Services	USCG	U. S. Coast Guard
OWI	Office of War Information	USCSC	U. S. Civil Service Commission
OWM	Office of War Mobilization	USDA	U. S. Department of Agriculture
PAW	Petroleum Administration for War	USES	U. S. Employment Service
AAA	Agricultural Adjustment Agency	USHA	U. S. Housing Authority
AAF	Army Air Forces	USMC	U. S. Marine Corps
AMM	American Military Mission	WAC	Women's Army Corps
A(N)RC	American National Red Cross	WAFS	Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron
APC	Alien Property Custodian	WAVES	Women's Appointed for Volunteer Emergency Service (Navy Women's Reserve)
ATC	Air Transport Command	WFA	War Food Administration
AMG	Allied Military Government (formerly AMGOT)	WLB	War Labor Board
BWC	Board of War Communications	WMC	War Manpower Commission
CAA	Civil Aeronautics Administration	WPA	Works Project Administration
CAB	Civil Aeronautics Board	WPB	War Production Board
CAP	Civil Air Patrol	WRA	War Relocation Authority
CIAA	Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs	WSA	War Shipping Administration
CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation		
COMINCH	Navy Commander in Chief		
CPRB	Combined Production and Raw Materials Board		

